

# The LI<sup>PAW</sup>N'S Den

## Centralia Christian High School

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### **Serve, Over the Net, and Bump!**

P.E has taken up the sport of volleyball! The class is separated into two teams of four people, unlike the traditional six-people teams. It builds up communication skills, with the players having to call out "Mine!" to claim the ball to bump or set it over the net. "Short!" is called when the ball will not make it over the net, so it isn't worth time to rush and strike at it. More recently, the class has played a variation called, "four-square volleyball." There are nets intersecting each other, with teams of two in each quadrant. They play with an average volleyball at first, but soon mix it up and use a yoga ball instead. What fun!

### **The United Nations**

In Global Issues class, the high school students are studying the United Nations. They learned about how the countries make decisions. They even roleplayed as the countries and brainstormed ideas to solve current issues, like the Darfur Conflict. Although some solutions were silly, like providing ice cream to boost people's spirits and stop war, some were from the students' hearts. These include providing safe and clean refugee camps, etc. The students enjoyed a time to have fun, but also try to understand deep thoughts.

### **Literature**

The Centralia Christian High School students have recently finished the play *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, a tragic romance that didn't end well. They had fun acting this play out and laughing at the dumb decisions that the two main characters made. Currently, the class is reading *Black Like Me*, a true story based in the 1950s about the injustice towards the African Americans in that time. The book has done a good job of showing the African Americans' situation in those days and how hard it was for them to live and find jobs. At the end of each chapter, the students are tasked with writing a small entry of about 3-4 sentences on what they read and, when they finish the book, will be given a report to write out based on what they have gleaned from the book.

### **Computer Applications**

Recently, in Computer Applications, a war began. A typing war, driven by friendly hatred and competitive spirits. The two rivals are known as the high-spirited Veda and the valiant Alina. Their hands swiftly glide over the battlefield, selecting the suggested troops. Those units, when put in the correct order, create something far more powerful than the common trooper alone. It produces a super-unit, like a perimeter of shields teeming with archers at the ready. In other words, we're doing a typing class to help with our typing skills.

### **Following the Path that the Lord has Lit**

The CCS High School Students have done a lot of things this month in Chapel and Bible. Our Chapel and Bible are on Tuesday and Thursday. In Chapel we have been watching videos that are from a group called Alpha. So far we have watched 4 different videos from this group: "The Cross: Why did Jesus die?", "Faith: How can I have faith?", "Prayer: How and why do I pray?" and "The Bible: How and why do I read the Bible?". In Bible class we have been discussing the questions from the videos.

### **Booming Biology**

In Biology, the CCHS students have been learning about Biomes-different types of landscapes. They were instructed to create posters on what types of biomes exist and their key characteristics, along with the species of plants and animals that live in their habitats. The Biology class is enjoying their time filling their brains with knowledge. The teacher, Miss Johnson has been very helpful in preparing the students for the future of their education. She has given clever ways to study, such as online flashcards and Kahoot sets (a competitive quizzing game) that give the students a fun way to learn. Overall the whole class has been learning lots and having fun. And in case the readers did not know, Biology has been booming!

### **High School English**

For the past month, English Composition 1 and English Composition 2 have been working on a multitude of things. At the beginning of February, Composition 1 started on a project from IEW, writing about Australia and ended the month writing about communism in Russia, Eastern Europe and China. Composition II worked on writing essays this month. They started by writing an SAT essay and ended the month working on persuasive writing and speaking. They gave short persuasive speeches on topics such as homework, online schooling, and whether teachers should conceal-carry guns at school.

### **Mastering Math**

In the past month, both math classes have been learning many new concepts and are really excited to share their progress. The Algebra 1 class has been vigorously studying systems of linear equations, which are two different equations for two different lines. The solution to these lines are  $(x,y)$ , otherwise known as ordered pairs. That solution, when graphed, is where the two lines intersect. There are two ways to solve these equations: Substitution and Elimination. The Algebra 1 class is learning both ways. On the other hand, the Algebra 2 class has successfully learned and mastered imaginary numbers and is now focusing on direct and indirect variation along with converting Rectangular form to polar form. Polar form is another way to express a complex number. While the formula for rectangular form is  $z=a+bi$ . Overall both math classes have been making amazing progress and are learning many new and wonderful things.

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